

There are no multi-dependent claims, and no multi-dependent claim fees are required. The claims are in condition for examination on the merits.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment prior to calculation of filing and claim fees and to provide an action on the merits.

Please enter this amendment prior to examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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